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SUBJECT: FRG'S 32D DISPOSAL LIST OF US-ORIGIN BUNDESWEHR
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1. US HAS NO REQUIREMENT FOR GENERATORS ON SUBJECT LIST
AND RECOMMENDS THEY BE SUPPLIED TO TURKEY UNDER FRG MILI-
TARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. US AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH F-104GS HAVE BEEN ADVISED
OF AVAILABILITY OF 72 AIRCRAFT ON SUBJECT LIST AND HAVE
INDICATED THAT USG HAS NO REQUIREMENT FOR THEM. AT SAME
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TIME, HOWEVER, USG SHOULD REINVITE FRG ATTENTION TO

POSSIBLE NEED FOR SUCH AIRCRAFT ON NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK AND SUGGEST THAT THEIR PROVISION TO GOT UNDER FRG'S MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MIGHT STRENGTHEN TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF) AND TURKEY'S TIES TO NATO.

3. BEFORE DISCUSSING SUCH A TRANSFER WITH TURKEY AND FRG, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS FROM EMBASSIES BONN AND ANKARA ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A. FRG F-104G'S DIFFER FROM THOSE SUPPLIED TO TURKEY BY CANADA AND US. EXTENT OF DIFFERENCE NEEDS TO BE EXPLORED, AS DO POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION THAT MIGHT BE PURSUED TO STANDARDIZE (E.G., NAMSA REWORK, IN-COUNTRY MODIFICATION BY FRG (PREFERRED) OR TURKEY, ETC.)

B. GERMAN AIR FORCE (GAF) SUPPORTS ITS F-104GS PRIMARILY FROM WEST EUROPEAN SOURCES, WITH EXTREMELY LIMITED USAF SUPPORT. USAF SUPPORT TO TAF WOULD BE MINIMAL.

C. TAF ABILITY TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL F-104GS MUST BE DETERMINED. THIS FACTOR ASSUMES INCREASED IMPORTANCE IN VIEW OF TAF'S ACQUISITION/INTRODUCTION OF NEW AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS, BUT MIGHT BE OFFSET BY PLANNED RETIREMENT OF F-102'S.

D. SOME FRG F-104G'S ARE IN POOR CONDITION. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF FRG OFFERED AND GOT ACCEPTED ONLY BEST-OF-THE-LOT AIRCRAFT FOR OPERATIONAL AND ADVANCE ATTRITION PURPOSES. AIRCRAFT CULLED OUT MIGHT BE USED AS SOURCE OF SPARE/REPAIR PARTS FOR FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT AND/OR REWORK OF PRIME AIRCRAFT.

E. FRG'S ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT FOR LIFE-OF-THE-ITEM SHOULD BE DETERMINED AND EXPECTED SHORTFALLS IDENTIFIED.

F. USE TO WHICH TAF WOULD PUT ADDITIONAL F-104G'S NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED AND DETERMINED, E.G., WOULD SQUADRON(S) BE ADDITIVE TO OR REPLACEMENT FOR AIRCRAFT IN CURRENT INVENTORY; TO WHAT MISSION(S) WOULD THEY BE APPLIED?
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4. IN SUM, WE SEE BOTH ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES TO POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF FRG F-104G'S TO GOT, BUT WOULD RESERVE FINAL JUDGEMENT UNTIL ALL ASPECTS DISCUSSED AND EXPLORED. SINCE THESE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ONLY MARGINAL IMPROVEMENT OVER F-100'S NOW IN GOT INVENTORY WE MIGHT CONSIDER ONE SQUADRON, PROVIDING AIRCRAFT ARE IN GOOD CONDITION. FRG COULD ASSURE SUPPORT, AND THEY WOULD

REPLACE AIRCRAFT IN INVENTORY. WE WOULD WANT TO DETERMINE
THAT TURKS WANT AIRCRAFT AND ARE ANXIOUS TO ACCEPT THEM
UNDER CONDITIONS/TERMS ON WHICH FRG MIGHT SEE FIT TO MAKE
THEM AVAILABLE. RUSH

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